

Application No. 10/619,600

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REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Regarding 35 USC 102 (b). There is no other existing patent for fastening a bobber to a fishing line by clamping the fishing line between the flat surface of two half spheres.

Chandlers patent #544083 defines a bobber that is capable of holding its position on the line and yet being able to cast the line out and reel it back in to the hook end of the fishing line without using an outside stopper on the line.

This bobber is complicated in that you have to wind line around dual spools that are inside the airtight floatation chambers.

My invention is simply an easier way to secure a floatation device to your fishing line at a fixed position other than the common spring loaded wire hook bobber which leaves you very little room to get your fishing line in the small hook when it is pushed outside the buoyant sphere.

Chandler uses two half spheres for his bobber, however only about ½ of the half sphere is a sealed floatation chamber, the other Half of the half sphere is reserved for the dual spools which constitute his castable bobber which can be reeled up all the way.

My invention is a bobber of two half spheres that are completely sealed floatation chambers or solid buoyant materials with the bottom flat half being the part that is compressed together to hold the bobber to the fishing line.

Chandlers half spheres are not held together under pressure, they are simply pinned together with a clasp and pin assembly, kind of like snapped together, there is no pressure holding them together.

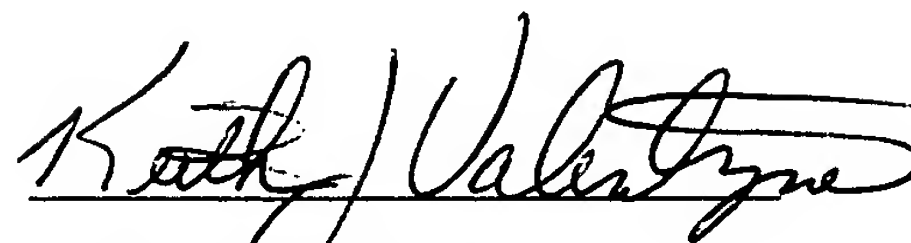
Chandlers bobber also uses a hinge type system to hold the half spheres together as one of my proposals does, but his is not a spring loaded hinge, but simply a hinge to allow the halves to fall open when pins are unclasped.

My other two methods of keeping the two half spheres together under pressure are the elastic cord under tension with a fulcrum and lever system to open halves, or the spring steel method which is kind of like a living hinge only the spring steel is assembled to the half spheres so as to keep a constant force upon the halves to keep them pressured together. A living hinge would just hold the two half spheres together and allow them to drop open when pins are unclasped.

Claim 1 of this application has been cancelled.

Claim 2 is the new claim

Respectfully submitted,

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